

# FY 2005 FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

## INFORMATION SHEET

### Background

The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant program provides funding to States, Indian Tribal governments, and communities so that cost-effective measures are taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to buildings, manufactured homes, and other structures insurable under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The long-term goal of FMA is to reduce or eliminate claims under the NFIP through mitigation activities.

### FY 2005 FMA PRIORITY

**Priority:** The FY 2005 FMA priority is to fund flood mitigation activities that reduce the number of repetitive loss properties identified in FEMA's Repetitive Loss Strategy.

**NEW!** FY 2005 funding will be awarded for eligible, cost-effective flood mitigation activities that will reduce the risk of flood losses to any property currently insured under the NFIP, **whether repetitive loss or not.**

**FY 2005 FMA Guidance:** the FY 2005 FMA guidance document and additional guidance materials are available from the FEMA Regional Office or on the FEMA web page: [www.fema.gov/fima/fma.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/fima/fma.shtm)

### USE OF FUNDS

**Funds:** FY 2005 funding is available for projects activities at a maximum amount of \$100,000 total for the state.

#### Eligible Project Activities:

- Acquisition of insured structures and underlying real property in fee simple and easements restricting real property to open space uses.
- Relocation of insured structures from acquired or restricted real property to non hazard-prone sites.
- Demolition and removal of insured structures on acquired or restricted real property.
- Elevation of insured residential structures.
- Other activities that bring an insured structure into compliance with the floodplain management requirements.
- Minor physical flood mitigation projects that reduce localized flooding problems and do not duplicate the flood prevention activities of other Federal agencies.
- Beach nourishment activities.

**Funds:** FY 2005 funding is available for planning activities at a maximum amount of \$10,000 total for the state.

#### Eligible Planning Activities:

- Planning activities that develop State, Indian Tribal, and local Flood Mitigation Plans that meet the planning criteria outlined in 44 CFR 78.5.

#### Ineligible Project Activities:

- Major flood control projects;
- Phased or partial projects;
- Flood studies or flood mapping;
- Dry floodproofing of residential structures;
- Generators, and related equipment;
- Warning and alert notification systems; and
- Response and communication equipment.

#### Ineligible Planning Activities:

- Flood studies or flood mapping; and
- Risk assessments, technical assistance, information dissemination or workshops not resulting in a FEMA-approved Flood Mitigation Plan.

**\*\*\*COST-SHARE:** 75% Federal/25% non-Federal. Of this amount, **not more than half** may be provided from in-kind contributions.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

**Sub-applicant Eligibility:** State level agencies, Federally recognized Indian tribal governments, and local communities are eligible to apply to the Applicant (State of New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning) for assistance. Private individuals and private non-profit (PNP) organizations are **not** eligible Sub-applicants, however, a relevant State agency or local community may apply to the Applicant for assistance to mitigate private or PNP structures.

**Mitigation Plan Requirement:** To be eligible for Project grants, an eligible Sub-applicant must develop, and have approved by the FEMA Regional Director, a Flood Mitigation Plan.

**Note:** A FEMA approved All-Hazard Mitigation Plan, including a flooding assessment section, can be substituted for the Flood Mitigation Plan requirement.

**NFIP Participation:** All applicants and sub-applicants must be participating in the NFIP if they have been identified through the NFIP as having a Special Flood Hazard Area (a Flood Hazard Boundary Map [FIRM] has been issued.) In addition, the Applicant/Sub-applicant must not be on probation, suspended or withdrawn from the NFIP. Property owners must have current flood insurance policy and flood insurance shall be maintained in perpetuity on an improved property.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

**Application process:** FEMA strongly encourages Sub-applicants to use the electronic grant (eGrants) system. If an applicant does not use the eGrants system, then they must use the eGrants paper application format for sub-applications as well as the overall grant application that can be obtained from the FEMA Regional Office. Only applications received through the eGrants system (<https://portal.fema.gov>) or using the eGrants paper application format will be accepted.

**Benefit-Cost Analysis:** A Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) is required for all mitigation project sub-applications and must be completed by Sub-applicants. A BCA will be required for all properties, including substantially damaged structures. The pilot alternate determination of cost-effectiveness may be used for certain insured NFIP repetitive flood loss properties.

**E-Grants:** FEMA offers technical assistance regarding the eGrants system through the eGrants Helpdesk: 1-866-476-0544 or [ntegrants.dhs.gov](mailto:ntegrants.dhs.gov)

**Application Deadline:** Project and/or planning grant applications for FY 2005 FMA must be received by the FMA State Coordinator by June 1, 2005.

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